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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Advisory Action dated July 17, 2002 for one(1) month(s) from August 10, 2002 to September 10, 2002. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/VTN-0388/AK in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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